

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KRAUSE ARTHUR B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**818 S. KANSAS AVE.**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/07/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**TOPEKA, KS 66612**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/07/2005		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 2,000 A \$ 0	5,336 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/29/2005		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 1,768 A \$ 0	7,104 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00					7,148 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/07/2005		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 2,000 D \$ 0	1,768	I	Trust <sup>(4)</sup>



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- (3) Includes 1,024 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 44 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends in April of 2005.
- (4) The reporting person is the beneficiary of the trust and the reporting person's spouse is the trustee.

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